

Part I. Name of Country: Dominica

Part II. U.S. Embassy Information

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Part III. Profile of Religions of the Host Country and Religious Services Available to Visitors:

Country Profile: [Dominica](#)

Religions: Roman Catholic, Protestant, Rastafarian, Jehovah's Witness, among others

Part IV. Funeral Directors, Mortician and Related Services Available in the Host Country:

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(Cremations performed in St. Lucia or Grenada, not in Dominica)

Lynhurst Funeral Home:

Cecilia Joseph, Office Secretary
Michael Coipel, Funeral Director

Dominica

Tel: (767) 449-1800/449-2100/ 275-7564 ©

Fax: (767) 449-1876

Email: lyndhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Address: Rock-a-way, Canefield, Roseau,

Syra Clarke, Accounts Clerk
Josephine Dublin-Prince, Manager

Tel: (767) 275-1800
(767) 275-7564

Gentle Rest Funeral Service

Tel: (767) 448-3439 / (767) 235-3439 ©

Ms. Josephine Henry Robinson,
info@gentlerest.com
Director

Email: director@gentlerest.com/

Address: St. Joseph, Dominica

North Eastern Funeral Association Tel: (767) 235-7815/ (767) 285-5118
Anchea St. Amie, Asst. Manager Email: n_efa@outlook.com
Address: Wesley, Dominica

Part V: Profile of Services Available in the Host Country Regarding Preparation and Shipment of Remains:

a. Disposition of Remains (general) –

For repatriation and shipment, the body has to be embalmed, documents processed, and flight arrangements made. There is no time pressure to dispose of remains. A body can stay in the morgue up to three days before being released. The autopsy is a free service provided by the Ministry of Health. Remains can be buried in the ground, at sea, or cremated. The cost of the disposition depends on family needs ranging from \$13,000.00USD.

b. Specific facts relating to embalming, cremation, caskets, exportation, documentation requirements, preparation, shipment, and exhumation -

Embalming is done in accordance to US standards. Embalming cost range from \$560.00 USD. For cremation, the body must be sent to Barbados as there are no crematoriums in Dominica. The body is placed in a sealed metal case and then placed in the casket. The passport and death certificate are needed before the shipping the body.

c. As applicable, unique circumstances which may apply to post –

An autopsy is done on all foreign persons who die in the country unless they can provide medical records. An autopsy is done on all sudden deaths. Autopsies are normally carried out within one week of the remains being placed in the morgue.

For death of infectious disease – Once the body has been embalmed, it is released to the funeral home and handled in a precautionary manner.

For suspicious circumstances - The coroner, in collaboration with the police, will decide the course of action. There is a resident coroner but not a full time resident pathologist on the Island. If needed, a pathologist can be contacted from Cuba.

d. Shipping of Remains –

The shipping is determined by the weight and destination.

U.S.-based airline carriers flying to Dominica include American Airlines, JetBlue, and Delta. No carrier flies directly to Dominica. American Airlines and JetBlue only transport remains in special circumstances. Remains are typically moved by ferry from Dominica to St. Lucia. Amerijet is sometimes used.

After a death certificate is issued, a statement confirming the absence of communicable diseases is provided by a pathologist, which must accompany the

remains while being shipped.

Funeral homes do not typically accept personal effects on behalf of the deceased individual. When a tourist dies with no accompanying family or friends, the hotel is usually requested to facilitate the return of the deceased's belongings to the next of kin. Personal effects may sometimes travel as unaccompanied luggage with the remains.

e. Local authorities responsible for licensing funeral directors and morticians -

There are no standardized requirements for becoming a funeral director in Dominica. When a funeral home opens, the owner automatically becomes the funeral director and the company is registered. However, the mortician must be trained and qualified.

f. Local authorities responsible for making findings regarding the cause of death and for issuing local death certificates -

(1) Maximum period before burial of remains: Dependent on the speed with which all required documents are obtained and payments made.

(2) Embalming: Embalming is done as soon as the death certificate is released.

(3) Cremation: Cremation is done as soon as the death certificate is registered, the family signs the Cremation Authorization form, and arrangements are made to send the body to Barbados.

(4) Caskets and Containers: The body is sealed in a metal container before being placed in the casket. There are a variety of caskets available at a range of prices. The average starting price for a casket in the Caribbean is between USD \$2,000 - \$3,000.

(5) Exportation of human remains: Can be transported by boat or by air.

(6) Exportation of human cremains/ashes: Can be transported by boat or by air. Family members may also hand-carry the remains.

(7) Costs – Charges are based on the exchange rate of April 30, 2016: \$1.00USD = 2.67 EC (local currency)

(8) Exhumation and Shipment: Information not available.

(9) Local customs regarding funerals, disposition of remains, mourning, memorial services: